



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 45

June 13, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives KERKMAN, BARCA, VOS, JORGENSEN, RICHARDS, J. FITZGERALD, SUDER, KNODL, BALLWEG, LEMAHIEU, STRACHOTA, KAUFERT, LOUDENBECK, MARKLEIN, A. OTT, BERNIER, THIESFELDT, STONE, TRANEL, SPANBAUER, STEINEKE, ENDSLEY, VAN ROY, KESTELL, RIPP, MURSAU, WILLIAMS, MILROY, D. CULLEN, KRUSICK, TURNER, SINICKI, HINTZ, TOLES, CLARK, HULSEY, MOLEPSKE JR, FIELDS, BERCEAU, GRIGSBY, PASCH and HEBL, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, VINEHOUT, LAZICH, DARLING, LASSA, S. FITZGERALD, OLSEN, SCHULTZ, WANGGAARD, KEDZIE, HOLPERIN, HANSEN, T. CULLEN, RISSER, WIRCH, JAUCH and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending State Auditor Janice Mueller on the occasion of her
2 retirement.

3 Whereas, Janice “Jan” Mueller was born in Crystal Falls, Michigan, to Norman
4 and Blanche Gill; was raised in Amasa, Michigan; and, after attending Central
5 Michigan University, she became the first person in her family to graduate from
6 college; and

7 Whereas, Jan began her career in Wisconsin legislative service in October 1976
8 as a fiscal analyst with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, where she reviewed budget
9 proposals, wrote issue papers and memoranda, and assisted the Joint Committee on
10 Finance in the development of budget alternatives and recommendations; and

11 Whereas, she became a program evaluation supervisor at the Legislative Audit
12 Bureau in February 1981 where she assisted in planning and directing complex
13 evaluations of various state agencies and programs; and

14 Whereas, Jan was appointed special assistant to the director of the Bureau of
15 Health Care Financing in the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services

1 in November 1985, where she analyzed policy issues and completed projects to
2 strengthen quality assurance in Medical Assistance; and

3 Whereas, she returned to the Legislative Audit Bureau as executive assistant
4 in August 1989, where she served as the chief policy adviser to the state auditor,
5 managed the bureau's internal operations, and worked closely with the
6 cochairpersons and members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and their
7 staff; and

8 Whereas, Jan was appointed Wisconsin state auditor in March 1998 and led the
9 Legislative Audit Bureau in conducting more than 425 financial audits and
10 evaluations of state agencies and programs during her 13-year tenure in the
11 position; and

12 Whereas, she worked purposefully to strengthen the bureau's service to the
13 legislature by maintaining cooperative and collaborative working relationships with
14 the directors and the staff of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau,
15 the Legislative Reference Bureau, and the Legislative Technology Services Bureau;
16 and

17 Whereas, under Jan's leadership, the Legislative Audit Bureau received the
18 National Legislative Program Evaluation Society's Award for Excellence in
19 Evaluation in 2002, in recognition of its adherence to the highest performance
20 standards across a body of evaluative work; and

21 Whereas, under her leadership, the Legislative Audit Bureau has consistently
22 received an unqualified opinion on its system of quality control for financial audits
23 from the National State Auditors Association; and

1 Whereas, under Jan’s leadership, the Legislative Audit Bureau was recognized
2 in Governing Magazine in 2008 as being “among the most important and credible
3 audit shops in the country;” and

4 Whereas, Jan’s leadership in the auditing field has extended beyond
5 Wisconsin’s borders through her service to and leadership roles in professional
6 organizations, including the National State Auditors Association; the National
7 Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; the United States
8 Comptroller General’s Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards; the
9 National Legislative Program Evaluation Society; and the Association of
10 Government Accountants; and

11 Whereas, Wisconsin Women in Government recognized her outstanding record
12 of leadership and service to the state by making her a recipient of the Wisconsin’s
13 First Woman Award in May 2004; and

14 Whereas, Jan’s professionalism, dedication, warmth, and personal integrity
15 are appreciated by all those with whom she has worked throughout her
16 distinguished career; and

17 Whereas, Jan will retire from public service on June 17, 2011; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin legislature congratulate Jan on nearly 35 years of public service;
21 commend her for her objectivity, independence, and nonpartisanship, which have so
22 shaped the work of the Legislative Audit Bureau throughout her tenure as state
23 auditor; thank her for the service she has rendered to the legislature and to the
24 citizens of the state; and extend best wishes to her for a long and happy retirement;
25 and, be it further

